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Enclosed are:

- ☒ 36 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed. **Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2003-351131**
- ☐ Certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 21 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to **HITACHI, LTD.**  
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- ☒ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

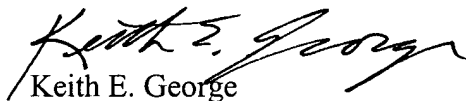
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